

**VANDERBILT AREA SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President K. Snyder at 6:00 p.m. in the school library. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the call to order.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: A. Deeter, K. Snyder, M. Kinney, M. Schweitzer
Absent: J. Arlt

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by A. Deeter, with support by M. Kinney, to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried, 4-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by M. Schweitzer, with support by M. Kinney, to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2024 meeting as written. Motion carried, 4-0.

V. BUSINESS & FINANCE

A. Motion by A. Deeter, with support by M. Schweitzer, to acknowledge the Treasurer's Report.
Motion carried, 4-0.

B. Motion by M. Kinney, with support by A. Deeter, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$32,947.81. Motion carried, 4-0.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Samantha Jones stated she is hoping to get an Earth Club or Garden Club started and believes this will be on next month's agenda;.

VII. GOVERNANCE AND BOARD RELATIONS AND REPORTS

1. Board & Committee Reports

Facilities – Upgrades to the playground, upgrades in security measures proposed in bond proposal and maintenance work that was completed.

Finance – \$2.42 million bond proposal, 23H grant and Healthy Schools grant applied for. A \$500 donation for the Music Program was received from the Senior Center.

Athletics – Wolverine has rejected the co-ed basketball proposal. Outdoor volleyball and basketball hoops installed.

Communications – Progress made by Bond Proposal Committee reported on. Flyers and posters were distributed for various programs.

Handbook – New cellphone policy has been implemented.

2. Administrative Reports

Mr. Harwood reported on the successful start of the school year. He also reported on the playground upgrades, security enhancements and Library Grant utilization. Michael Brockette, bus driver, will be covering all rounds until the additional driver has completed his physical. Adult Education program expanding each week, with lab open on Mondays and Wednesdays. Xylophones were purchased for the Music program. Magic Anti Bully program presented to the elementary students this week. The bond proposal meeting was held on September 5 and outlined the key upgrades aimed at improving safety, security and energy efficiency in the school. The \$2.42 million proposal includes safety and security enhancements, boiler system upgrades, kitchen and cafeteria improvements, shop and bus garage repairs and parking and drop off area enhancements. The Open House hosted over 70 attendees. Speaking engagements on the bond proposal are scheduled at the Senior Center and Village meeting. A social media campaign is also planned.

VIII. REGULAR MEETING / INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. 2024-2025 Master Schedule: **Motion** by M. Kinney, with support by M. Schweitzer, to approve the 2024-2025 Master Schedule. Motion carried, 4-0.

B. 2024-2025 Course Catalog. **Motion** by M. Kinney, with support by M. Schweitzer, to approve the 2024-2025 Course Catalog as presented. Motion carried, 4-0.

C. Handbook: **Motion** by M. Kinney, with support by M. Schweitzer, to approve the Handbook as presented.. Motion carried, 4-0.

D. 2025-2026 School Calendar: **Motion** by A. Deeter, with support by M. Kinney, to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar. Motion carried, 4-0.

E. Hiring of Windy Brockette as part-time paraprofessional: **Motion** by M. Kinney, with support by A. Deeter, to approve the hiring of Windy Brockette as part-time paraprofessional. Motion carried, 4-0.

F. Hiring of Byron Sackrider as part-time bus driver: **Motion** by M. Kinney, with support by M. Schweitzer, to approve the hiring of Byron Sackrider as part-time bus driver. Motion carried, 4-0.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Mr. Harwood requested areas that the Board would like him to seek grants for. Items suggested Were a kiln, tables and chairs for the Art Room, Science Room upgrades, Music area, and desks.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Rhonda Berdan reported that the basketball hoop posts need to be cemented in. The swings were Cemented but there is still some movement on the center posts. Issues with the way the new hire bus

driver inappropriately addressed staff members were brought forward. Bowling is the only sport offered at this time.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Mary Kinney, Secretary

Minutes prepared by Debbie Whitman for Secretary Mary Kinney;